

PETITION -- HOUSE

CHIEF SPONSOR:

Representative Thomas J. O'Brien of Kingston

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TUITION REMISSION BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES OF HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:—

Section 41. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the board of higher education, in exercising its powers under section four of chapter fifteen A, shall establish a program of tuition remission pursuant to which persons employed by providers of social services programs that hold contract with the commonwealth, and spouses of those persons, are provided tuition remission benefits for courses or programs taken at any public community college, state college or the University of Massachusetts. Tuition remission benefits provided to such persons and their spouses shall be on a parity with tuition remission benefits provided to employees of the commonwealth and their spouses. For purposes of this act, the term “social services programs” shall have the meaning specified in section two hundred seventy-four of chapter one hundred ten of the acts of nineteen hundred ninety-three as amended. The board of higher education shall, in consultation with the administrator of the department of personnel administration, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services, the secretary of the executive office of elder affairs, and nonprofit associations of providers of social service programs, including but not limited to the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers, Inc., promulgate regulations governing the administration of and participation in the plan.

SECTION 2. The board of education shall establish said program no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act.